

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael R. Green et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 24, 2007, applicants elect the invention of Group II, drawn to nucleic acids encoding a recombinant chimeric envelope protein. The election is made with traverse, in part. The traversal is with regards to the inclusion of claims 24-34 with Group I. Claims 24-34 are methods of using the nucleic acid (group II), not the protein (group I), and therefore Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner kindly reconsider the placement of claims 24-34, and examine them with the claims of Group II.

Applicants further select RGD ligands as the species of heterologous short peptide ligands.

This response is being filed with a petition for extension of time. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 07917-166US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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